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SUBJ: PEKING SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK

1. DURING RECENT VISITS BY FRENCH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AND EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT SHAFEI, CAMBODIA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MAJOR SUBJECT OF CHINESE CONCERN. AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES CAMBODIAN REPS GIVEN MAJOR PROMINENCE, AND AT BOTH BANQUETS FOR SHAFEI PENN NOUTH AND SARAN CHHAK WERE RANKED SECOND ONLY TO EGYPTIAN GUEST OF HONOR.

2. BELGIAN CHARGE HAS TOLD US THAT DESPITE POMPIDOU'S DESIRE TO CONCENTRATE ON BILATERAL ISSUES, CHOU EN-LAI DEVOTED ONE ENTIRE SESSION TO DISCUSSION OF CAMBODIAN PROBLEM. CHOU URGED FRENCH TO RECOGNIZE SIHANOUK BEFORE RUSSIANS DO SO. HE ARGUED THAT ONLY BY INCREASING FRENCH
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INFLUENCE WITH SIHANOUK FORCES COULD THERE BE HOPE FOR

GENUINELY NEUTRALIST CAMBODIA. SHOULD RUSSIANS GAIN
UPPER HAND E.G., BY PRIOR RECOGNITION, HE ARGUED, SIHANOUK WOULD
LOSE OUT TO KHMER ROUGE.
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